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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This Response and Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 8) mailed July 16, 2003 in the above-identified patent application. With a one-month extension of time, these papers are due on or before November 17, 2003 (November 16, 2003 being a Sunday). No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 26069-505 REI.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 17 of this paper and include both an ed replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper. attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.